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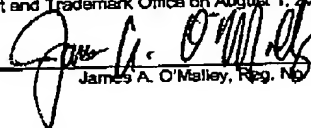
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RESPONSE TO INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is a statement of the substance of the telephonic interviews beginning on June 19, 2006 for the above-identified patent application. Applicant initiated the interview and the Examiner and Mr. James O'Malley participated in the interview.

Applicant agrees to the Examiner's characterization of the interview, namely that:

1. No exhibit was shown and no demonstration occurred.
- 2.. Anderson was the prior art discussed.
3. All independent claims were discussed and agreement was reached with respect to the claims.

4. Applicant agrees with the following statements made by the Examiner:

"applicant called, in an effort to wrap up the case expeditiously, to propose wording to allow the case to read over Anderson. Several calls back and forth ensued. Applicant called to confirm that inventor approved adding '- and generally in a perpendicular direction - to independent claims after 'which extends outwardly' when describing the protrusion and examiner agreed to do as an examiner's amendment. Additional calls on June 20 confirmed that the embodiment shown in Figs 13-21 are not being claimed. Examiner agreed to rejoin the restricted method claims 62 and 63, in that requiring a separate application for a method requiring such specific structure seems redundant. Claim 64 is cancelled as drawn to Figs 13-21. Finally, examiner agreed to change 'halves' in claims 62 and 63 to - segments -; since support in spec is in original claim 4 and the drawings as filed."

This completes the substance of the interview.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this communication, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (312) 704-1890.

Respectfully submitted,

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